

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Jacqueline Cox Betty Gosney Adrian McDaniel Eric Scott Gregory Ware
Lynda Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Greg Ware motioned to approve the minutes for September and Member Jacqueline Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor after the slight name change correction. Under "Old Business," it was Mr. McDaniel (not Mr. Ware) who mentioned that usually the Vice Chair is promoted as the Chair.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. California Highway Patrol – Officer Steve Robinson
Not Present
- B. Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Finneran
Sgt. Maggie Finneran reported the "West Foothill Station" has been renamed the "Fontana Station." Sgt. Finneran provided an update regarding criminal activity and the ongoing investigations in the area. She encouraged residents to call in any suspicious activity.
- C. Special Districts – Tim Millington
Not Present
- D. Field Representative – Daniel Flores
Mr. Flores introduced the new Field Representative for the Bloomington community, Frances Vasquez, and the new MAC Secretary, Alex Carballo.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pro-Active Community Enhancement (PACE) – Guillermo Morales, Code Enforcement Staff
Mr. Morales reported on the new strategy for code enforcement and distributed a current PACE Newsletter. He reported that they will focus on smaller areas in order to increase compliance from residents. The target area specified was San Bernardino, Locus, Lincoln, and Merrill Avenues. There were 199 properties he surveyed proactively instead of waiting for calls to come in. Code Enforcement was successful in bringing many of the properties into compliance. A number of notices of violations and citations were issued. Mr. Morales stated that the Board of Supervisors has requested that Land Use Services look into the feasibility of an ordinance to address unpermitted car sales occurring in unincorporated areas. Ms. Vasquez stated that the PACE Newsletter would be posted on Supervisor Josie Gonzales website for future reference.

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5/newsroom/Announcements.aspx>

- B. Rialto Commerce Center Project – Daniel Flores, Deputy Chief of Staff
Mr. Flores noted that the Rialto Commerce Center Project was recommended by the Rialto City Planning Commission in April 2010 and is currently under review with Rialto city staff for

possible recommendation to the City Council. In order to effectively engage residents in the area, Mr. Flores recommended that the MAC establish a subcommittee of 2 members. The committee would create a venue for the MAC to work with residents to identify issues and concerns. The subcommittee can then convey their findings to the MAC and possibly the City of Rialto.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Formation of Subcommittee (Rialto Commerce Center Project)

Chair Betty Gosney nominated Member Gregory Ware and Member Adrian McDaniel to serve on the sub-committee. The MAC approved the formation of the subcommittee and its members.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Updates on the street widening project on Slover. There was discussion on having an open house so that everyone can see the public works projects in progress; Graffiti abatement; Potential of using the old courthouse building for meetings (women's club meetings for example).

YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

A. Andrew Holmes- Student

The Kayos Kidz were involved in a 9/11 event at Redlands. Production meetings were held for the new movie project, "Choices." The Kayos Kidz hope to receive a grant to fund the project.

B. Ryan Duckworth: Choir Teacher

Mr. Duckworth discussed how music education has great value. He stated that it makes kids smarter, especially in Math. There are higher graduation rates through music programs. A "knowledge economy" needs kids who are creative so that they can compete on a global level. Music education can offer a ways to help kids be creative. Through music, there are lower transient rates. Bloomington High school has a nice auditorium/theater that he wants the community to use more often. Mr. Duckworth wanted to open the door to the community. Finally, he said parents need to keep informed about the cuts in elementary music programs.

MEMBER REPORTS

Lynda Gonzales appreciated the feed back from the residents. She announced October 18 was the last day to register to vote and November 2nd was the actual day to vote. She also reminded the residents that Joe Baca and Supervisor Gonzales do remember and care about the kids in the community.

Adrian McDaniel stated he attended Eric Davenport's special districts meeting and that there was MAC representation.

Jacqueline Cox thanked Dan Flores for his leadership. She also welcomed Frances Vasquez and Alex Carballo to the Bloomington MAC.

Eric Scott announced October 21st at 10:21am is the Great Shakeout. He also presented "Putting Down Routes in Earthquake County", a brochure to prepare for earthquakes. He suggested there was a 50% probability for a large earthquake and stressed being prepared.

Greg Ware commented on gas lines failing during past disasters which delayed fire and safety services. Everyone has to come together since the community will be on their own until relief

arrives. He also stated Supervisor Gonzales always sends her best people to the Bloomington MAC.

Betty Gosney: Thanked Dan Flores for his service with the Bloomington MAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Viola Hopkins announced a Veterans Memorial service on November 11 at 11am. They will conduct a special Boy Scout flag burning service. She reported a monument had graffiti, but it was cleaned up without being damaged. There will be a parade on December 4th at 12:00 pm going from East of Cedar, coming up on Valley, and arriving at Ayala Park.

Eric Davenport stated the Town Hall meeting did take place last Tuesday. He spoke about creating a multiple community special district which would give more control to residents through an elected board. This elected board will oversee what the community wants in that district. He is working with the Sheriff's Department for a quote for services. Trash service is another service that can be added. Two people voted "NO" to move forward on a feasibility study for a sheriff deputy to be dedicated to the area.

Jessie Valenzuela, Field Representative from Congressman Joe Baca's office, announced the groundbreaking ceremony for Joe Baca Middle School will be held on Saturday October 23, 2010 at 10:00am. The location will be at 1640 S Lilac Avenue in Rialto. A Diabetes Expo will be held on October 30 from 10:00am-1:00pm at 1800 medical center drive, across from the Community Hospital of San Bernardino. Also the Latino Student Recognition will be on Thursday October 28 6pm at the Auditorium (San Bernardino Valley College).

Dave Jayne, from San Bernardino Valley Riders, stated on Saturday, October 30th there will be a Handicap Ride at 9:00am. It will consist of horse riding activities.

Christopher Andrews spoke about the Rialto Commerce Center Project. He presented the idea that Canadian Geese have been sighted in the area, and might be a possible reason to stop the project. He also proposed doing a land swap to build a sport park or equestrian center instead, which results in less pollution and noise.

Pam Geil, from the Bloomington Garage, stated the MAC is only an advisory committee. Residents need to sue or file an injunction. People here tend not to take a stand. However, the MAC can take a stand. She asked why can't the County say "if you are doing this, we are shutting our roads so that trucks cant go through". She would like the residents to put more pressure on the County and get more involved in stopping the project.

Walter Als commented on a past incident in which a meeting that was supposed to be held in the evening for residents to voice their concern was actually switched to the morning. Those that wanted to be at the meeting, essentially, were shut out of it.

Mrs. Cox wondered if protecting a fruit fly prevented certain developments from proceeding, why couldn't the Canadian Geese be protected in the same manner?

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED – November 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm